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CONDUCTOR RAIL FOR SUPPLYING POWER TO THE DRIVE VEHICLES

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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-2143.